

REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for “determining whether a refresh value associated with said processor matches a refresh value associated with said frame”.

The office action notes that the primary reference to Manchester teaches no such thing. However, it does note that “Valencia however, teaches the above-mentioned limitation in figure 3B where a memory unit 324 keeps track of the number of active voice connections (column 8, lines 9-13).” It is suggested then, on page 3 of the office action, that it would be obvious to combine Valencia and Manchester so that the switch card could keep track of the number of active connections.


It is respectfully submitted that even if everything set forth above from the office action were correct, the position still fails to meet the scope of the present claim. The claim requires that a determination be made of whether a refresh value associated with said processor matches a refresh value associated with the frame. The specification at page 5, lines 3-10 suggests that one way to make this determination is to keep a refresh counter value that is incremented each time a voice call is connected or disconnected.

However, even if one keeps track of how many times a call is connected or disconnected, there is no teaching in the cited reference of any determination of whether the refresh value associated with the processor matches the refresh value associated with the frame. In other words, there is no teaching of using a count of the number of connections and disconnections to enable a determination of whether a refresh value associated with the processor matches a refresh value associated with the frame. Therefore, there is a missing element together with a lack of a motivation to modify the reference (which teaches nothing pertinent to the claimed invention) to meet the untaught limitations. Therefore, reconsideration would be appropriate.

On the same basis, reconsideration of the other independent claims is also requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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